

the people is simply going to kill the bill. It is going to kill all the projects and therefore I strongly urge you to reject the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment for three or four points. The first objection that I would raise to the Beutler amendment is the fact that this whole concept was put on the ballot already once when the constitutional amendment asking the people for permission to legislate in this area was voted on. The people spoke and said, yes, go ahead. That leaves it up to us to use our best judgment as to what we should do as far as the legal implementation of the constitutional amendment that the people said yes to. Number two, the city council, when the council approves each of these projects, can require that they be voted on if the city council in the area wants it voted on and thinks it is prudent to do so. There is a provision that it can be voted on, rather. Another thing is, for example, what if a project, a redevelopment project, is done in stages as money becomes available. Now you would have to have an election on each stage. You could string out a redevelopment of a community for as much as ten-twelve years with this kind of delay for the election process on each and every stage of the development. There is one kind of a catch on what I don't think Senator Beutler even intends but he is achieving, and that is that if we adopt this amendment, the Beutler amendment, we automatically are now going to require a vote on the community development projects in these other sections of the statutes. Because, remember, we are adopting them by reference. So, consequently, those community development projects which we have got about five or six of them going in the city of Omaha in the blighted areas, residential areas of Omaha, where each one of them would now have to be voted on by the public. This amendment not only would absolutely kill this bill, but I would like to emphatically answer Senator Beutler when he says, why does a business community, for example, sponsor or even promote or even suggest that we go ahead with these. You darn right we promote them. You darn right we favor them, because of the fact that there are 143 electricians sitting on the bench in Omaha right now waiting for somebody to call them to work. There is about that same percentage of each one of the unions...the bricklayers, the carpenters, the steelworkers, all of them have got guys sitting on the bench waiting for somebody to call them to work so they can feed their families. That is why we promote